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Mortarboards fly high in the air as F. G. Miller High School's Class of 2008 bids farewell to their high school years at their graduation ceremonies on Friday, June 27.

Path yet to be discovered for Class of 2008

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

"Do not go where the path may lead – go instead where there is not path and leave a trail."

This theme, chosen by F. G. Miller's Class of 2008, was fitting for a day when the path they have taken together, many of them for most of their school years, came to an end at their Farewell Ceremonies on Friday, June 27.

Amy Ockerman, who was part of the class until Grade 4, came back to Elk Point to preside as mistress of ceremonies, introducing each member of the class as they marched slowly forward in the processional, to don their graduation gowns and take their places on stage.

The Class of 2008 led the singing of O Canada.

Principal Colin Bjorkman, in his welcoming address, said he had "searched for words of wisdom, but you've had six years of my wisdom, so I'll spare you tonight. I hope you will continue to enjoy learning about what excites you."

Lily Pentek gave the invocation, and advised the class to "believe in yourself, and anything is possible. Be what you want to be."

Valedictorian Erin Lindquist looked back at years of hard work and determination, and at the valuable experiences that have prepared the class for the future. "Continued effort is the key to unlocking our potential," she concluded.

School board chair and grad parent Darrell Younghans said that as a parent, he has had the privilege of getting to know many members of the class, and spoke for all the parents when he said, "we are proud of all of you and it has been great sharing our homes with you. We hope we have levft a positve impression and joyful memories."

Commenting on the theme, Younghans said the grads "have come to the end of a long journey and are starting down the path of a lifelong trip. As you travel down the path of this new trip, I ask you to always be there to guide each other, to help each other through the low times and to share in the good times."

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Canada Day sees record crowds, new events

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich tosses candy as Mayor Parrish Tung and Coun. Bernice Capjack wave to the crowd from the Town's float.

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

They came, they enjoyed and they stayed right to the end.

Elk Point's Canada Day celebrations may have seen the best attendance ever, judging from the crowds who came for breakfast, stayed for the parade, lined up for concessions, overflowed the bleachers for the stage show, strength competition and Farm Survival Race, and packed the Elks Hall for both the beef supper and Canada Day Idol competition.

An estimated 950 people enjoyed breakfast courtesy of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, as they listened to the music of the Country Playboys. Sidewalks in the downtown area were filled with spectators as the long and colourful parade wound its way through town, with flags flying and the skirl of the bagpipes adding a festive note.

The lineup for the Elk Point Skating Club's arena concession reached out the door and down the sidewalk soon after the parade, with another large contingent keeping the Christian Community Church volunteers busy slicing pies and scooping out ice cream. In the arena's Horizon Room, local history buff Ray Hellquist proudly displayed his wealth of information from 42 of the area's country schools, along with Elk Point news clippings from the 1942, 1943, 1947 and 1952 St. Paul Journals, and listings of Alberta's post offices and school districts in years gone by.

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The bleachers, along with long lines of lawn chairs near the Centennial Stage, were filled by the time Royal Canadian Legion and RCMP members saluted as a bilingual O Canada was played and Girl Guide Madison MacDonald slowly raised the Canadian flag aloft. Pastor Bill Kryzanowski of Elk Point Christian Community Church gave the invocation, and noted that Canada's status as a dominion had come from Psalm 78, "... And He shall have dominion from sea to sea."

Canada Day Committee chair Bernice Capjack was mistress of ceremonies and also brought greetings from the Town of Elk Point, on a day celebrating " a land of freedom and richness," adding special thoughts for the Canadian troops overseas. As committee chair, she thanked all the volunteers and the organizations which played a part in the Canada Day celebrations.

Emily and Bob Thompson entertained with classic country songs for their final appearance at an Elk Point Canada Day before they leave the community, Emily dedicated Carrie Underwood's "Don't Forget To Remember Me" to the 2008 F. G .Miller graduates, and added her harmonica talents to Hank Williams Sr.'s "Move It On Over."

The Heritage Lodge Bad Actors, under the direction of Heather Paquette, brought along big hats, hair nets, ball caps, jaunty hats and spring bonnets to portray the people who make up live at Heritage Lodge in a howlingly funny skit during their public debut.

Yard Decorating Committee chair Sylvia Boothman was pleased to present the awards from the previous night's judging to Peter Andrishak, Doris Capjack and Patsy Zarowny.

Travis Pankiw, who entertained on Canada Day in the early 1990s as a young teen just starting his musical career and whose talent has soared as lead vocalist of the award-winning rock band, "Joshua's Habit," returned to his home town stage with two sets, including many original songs. One of these brought two tiny rockers out of the stands to show off their dancing prowess, which Pankiw thought deserved a big hand from the crowd.

A group of Filipino dancers from St. Paul were a big hit with the crowd. Four graceful ladies with fans performed the first number, with three of the ladies joined by three men for the second, its up-tempo beat accented with straw hats and castanets.

Corbin Poitras, with dad Homer playing the fiddle, performed the Sash Dance, which he said evolved from the Scottish Sword Dance, and the Broom Dance, before he invited all the youngsters to join him for the Chicken Reel and the Red River Jig, ending his performance with a fast and exciting solo jig.

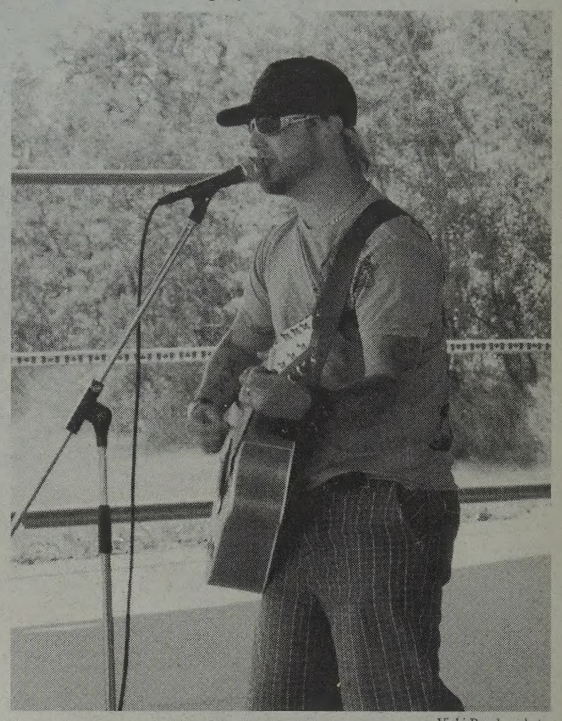
Pankiw came back to wind up the show with his second set, noting that "it's good to be back in Elk Point." He shared memories of "the Elk Point Thunder days, singing and playing guitar on the bus the way back from a game in, say, Provost. That's where it all began."

During the first half of the stage show, children's activities on the outdoor skating rink, ranging from hopscotch to a hockey shoot-out and from chalk art to bean bag and wet sponge tosses were a big hit.

Following the stage show, the action moved back downtown, where the Strength Competition *(see Page 11)* got underway between TD Canada Trust and the Apple Drugs building.

The Elks Hall downstairs was turned into an art gallery for the afternoon, featuring a selection of 10 paintings by the late Ralph Kryvenchuk, as well as painstakingly carved moose horns by Ernie Poitras, delicate art on feathers by his sister Doreen Poitras, evocative photos of pioneer memorabilia by David Shankowski, paintings by Shirley Kinneberg, Kathy Gusnowski , Eva Gusnowski and show organizer Donna Dahmer-Chamberland, pencil drawings by Patricia Nelson, and a collection of photos and paintings by Emily Mosely, a 2007 FGM graduate who is entering the Grant MacEwan Fine Arts program.

The Elks had a sellout crowd for their beef-on-a-bun supper before the action moved even further south, to the Iron Horse Trail Staging Area for the fun and excitement of the Farm Survival Race *(see Page 11)*. They returned to the Elks Hall for the Canada Day Idol competition *(see Page 5)*, and wound up a long and activity-packed day with a brilliant fireworks display.



Vicki Brooker photo

Travis Pankiw was the featured entertainer at the Canada Day stage show, singing a number of his original songs in two sets for an appreciative crowd.

County of St. Paul No. 19

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County Council, County of St. Paul No. 19
5015-49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A4

Dated: June 30, 2008

Dennis Bergheim
Agricultural Fieldman

What you need to know about

Alberta's Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program

Effective July 1, 2008, Alberta's Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program will come into effect for Alberta drivers who have:

- **Been convicted of drinking and driving with a blood-alcohol reading of double the legal limit or higher.**
- **Refused to provide a breath or blood sample.**
- **Been a repeat offender during the preceding 10-year period.**

After serving the prohibition period, drivers must apply to the Alberta Transportation Safety Board to have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle of choice at their own expense.

The ignition interlock is an alcohol-sensing device attached to a vehicle's ignition system. When alcohol is detected the driver will not be able to start or drive the vehicle. The device also calls for random breath samples. Reinstatement or unrestricted driving privileges at the end of six months depends on the participant's performance in the Program.

The Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program is part of the Alberta Government's commitment to increase safety on our roads and decrease drinking-and-driving incidences.

For more information on this Program, visit www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca, scroll down and click on the Alberta Transportation Safety Board icon. To call toll-free, dial 310-0000, then 780-427-7178 or 403-297-3466.

Alberta

Stoney Lake stampedes in style

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

Stoney Lake held their 46th annual Stampede this weekend, with excellent crowds enjoying the rodeo action and all that went along with it, from the glamour and excitement of the Graham Sisters trick riding team and the small but speedy Mini Chuckwagons to the rodeo dance, pancake breakfast, calf scramble and Stoney Lake's unique Steer and Stoneboat Race.

Ninety-year-old Walter Piotrowski and Walter DeSilva led the Stoney Lake Riders into the arena for the grand entry to kick off the show, with a moment of silence paying tribute to Mike Drobot and Ralph Kryvenchuk, who have passed away since last year's stampede.

The winning rides in all but two of the 11 rodeo events came on Saturday. Drake Whitney won the Bareback with a score of 75, although Sunday's lone competitor, Glen Jones came very close with a 74-point ride on Rain Maker.

The Novice Horse Riding failed to produce any qualified rides on either day.

Sunday's Junior Bull riders didn't fare any better, with both Lane Hehr and Colton McDonald hitting the dust before the horn, leaving the win to Saturday's leader, Brad Ingersoll, with a 73.

All three Saddle Bronc riders made their eight, but couldn't beat James Dermody's 78-point ride on Saturday.

Dustin Wynnyk, with a 69-point ride on Mouse, was the only successful Bull Riding competitor of the day, the win going to both Jacob Anderson and Fergus McPhee with 78s.

None of the competitors in Sunday's Tie Down Roping even came close to Saturday's 9.9-second run by Curtis Diamond.

Leon Laye was Sunday's top Steer Wrestler, with a 4.2-second win that didn't measure up to Travis Reay; s 3.9 Saturday score.

Both Junior and Peewee Barrel Racing went to Saturday's leaders, Barri Phillips with a 17.352 and Kennedy Smith, 18.056.

Sunday's two successful competitors were Ladies' Barrel Racer Helen Garrity of Dewberry, who rounded the cloverleaf in a fast 17.174, and Team Ropers Travis L'Heureux and Danny Plouffe of Iron River, wit a speedy 5.5-second run.

Les Trach's top-notch rodeo stock proved more than a match for NOvice Horse rider Shane Dyck of Meadow Lake, SK, who made a flying dismount before the horn, and for Junior Bull rider Lane Hehr of Fort Saskatchewan, son of former bullrider Derek Hehr, whose ride was also cut short.

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Alberta

PUBLIC NOTICE

EVERGREEN REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMISSION

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

In accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission has applied to Alberta Environment to convert from a registration to an approval of the existing Evergreen Regional Landfill. The operation is located within the W 1/2 of Section 16 Township 56 Range 10 West of the 4th Meridian in the County of St. Paul, Alberta.

The Evergreen Regional Landfill is a Class II, non-hazardous waste management facility. It accepts non-hazardous solid wastes for recycling or disposal at the landfill. The Evergreen Regional Landfill is operated with engineered clay liner, leachate collection and removal, stormwater run-on and run-off control and groundwater monitoring systems.

Since the landfill opened in 2005, the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission has implemented surface water, groundwater and leachate monitoring and management programs. These programs provide assurance that environmental protection requirements are being met at the facility.

Pursuant to section 73 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, any person who is directly affected by this operation may submit a written statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

Director of Northern Region
Alberta Environment
Regulatory Approvals Center
9th Floor, 9820-106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6
Fax: 780-422-0154

within 45 days of the date of this notice. Please quote Application No. 001-248406 when submitting a statement of concern in regards to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act application.

Note: Any statements filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission
Attention: Dennis Bergheim
5015-49 Ave., St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A4
Telephone: 780-645-3301; Fax: 780-645-3104

Editorial

Everyone and their dog

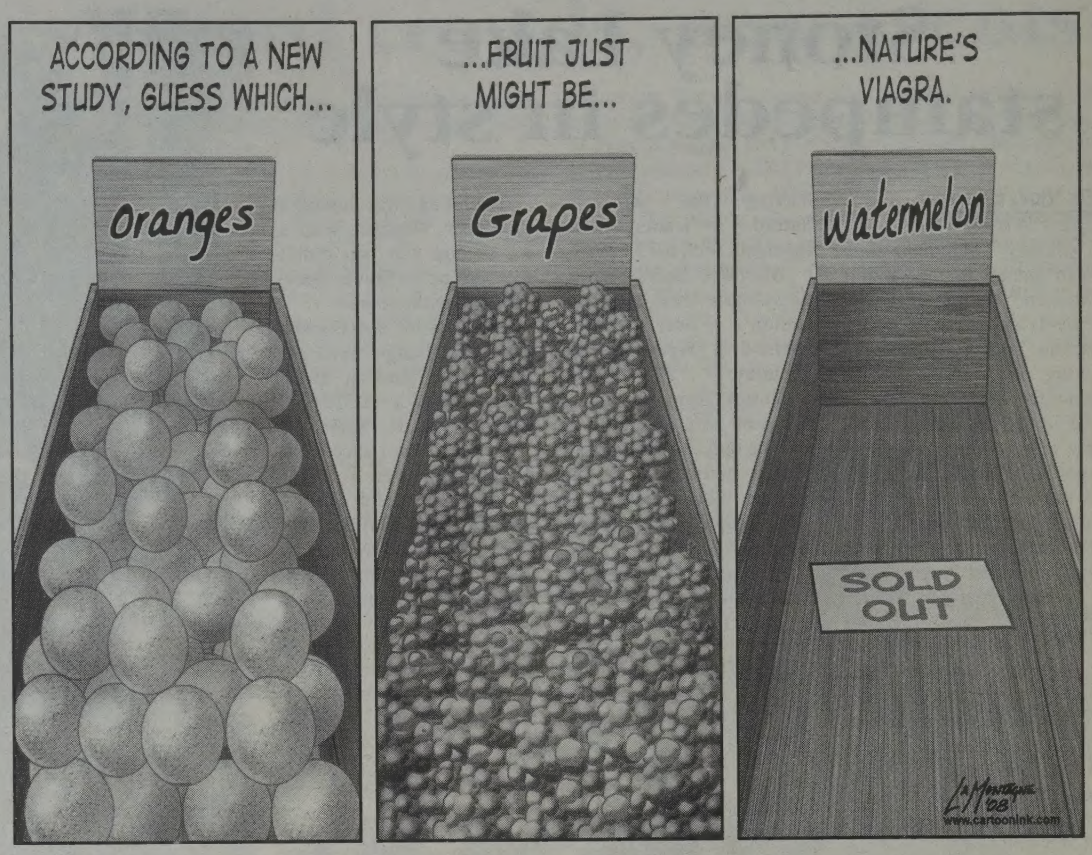
They're everywhere, they're everywhere, from the Canada Day parade and stage show to the Stoney Lake Stampede: dog people, with one or more of their pets in tow. We've even seen people who brought shelters and blankets to make sure their little friends are comfortable.

It makes us wonder: wouldn't those dogs have been just as happy to stay home, out of the heat and crowds, and just take it easy while Mommy and Daddy went out?

For the most part, the pets we saw out and about were well behaved, and although some of them did voice their opinions from time to time, and even growled the canine equivalent of "Come over here and say that!" at each other, you can expect that - none of the people were quiet as mice either.

However, like children, and even a few adults, not all of the dogs were well behaved - one bit a parade-watcher and a few had to be hauled back from the arena fence when they wanted to bark at the rodeo stock. Big crowds and the sight of large, unfamiliar livestock are exciting to animals, much as they are to children, and sometimes that makes either one misbehave. In the case of dogs, this could prove dangerous, to the dogs themselves, their owners or even the crowd.

Next time, why not consider letting your pets take a holiday from the excitement, so they can relax at home?



Way Back When...

Arm wrestling, Sky Hawks and Black Powder

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of July 8 in...

1988

Minister of Public Works Ernie Isley presented Mayor Byron Mann with a commemorative replica of Elk Point's Certificate of Incorporation, marking 50 years since Elk Point became a village. A well-attended arm wrestling competition, a tug-of-war where DrakeWell hauled the Northern Farmers into the mud for the championship, and a 24-team slowpitch tournament won by Charlie's Pickup were also part of the Canada Day celebrations.

1993

The famed Canadian Armed Forces Sky Hawks Parachute Team literally dropped in on Day 3 of Elk Point's Canada Day celebration, and held an autograph session in the shadow of the Peter Fidler statue. The weather was less cooperative before and after that event, and a wet week saw cowboys landing in the mud in Elk Point on the June 30 and Canada Day and at Whitney Lake on July 3 and 4.

1998

Brent Mosley piped in the canoe brigade at Fort George and Buckingham House provincial historic site as they arrived for Black Powder Days, where the Edmonton House Brigade brought the fur trade of the 1790s to life with their displays and activities. Canada Day fun chased the clouds away after two inches of rain the previous night.

2003

Leader of Tomorrow award winner Kirsty Lindquist and classmate Kristy Myshaniuk delivered the class message at the Class of 2003 farewell ceremonies at F. G. Miller High. Canada Day events saluted Elk Point's agricultural heritage, with many of the parade entries following an agricultural theme, and entertainment including both an indoor jamboree and outdoor stage show.

Guest Column

Fathering today

deanna EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

When you look at fathers in the year 2008 and compare it to fathers not even 40 years ago, in our community of Elk Point, you will notice a big change has taken place.

The major change is the economics of how fathers earn their living. Those employed with the "oil patch" or any other business that has taken fathers out of the home for several long days at a time, has changed fathering. In other words, fathers are not at home as often as they used to be. For example, family meal times with everyone around the kitchen table doesn't occur as often as it once did. What this means is that when the fathers do come home, the family adjusts to a visitor rather than Father. The bottom line is that the father is now confused and so is the family with the result that some families are now in crisis.

Under normal circumstances, fathering can be very rewarding – and very demanding. A father's active involvement profoundly affects his children and generations to come.

Children who have fathers who are involved in their lives – whether the children are biological, adopted, or stepchildren – have a better chance of excelling socially, emotionally, and academically. Children need fathers to provide them with the necessities of life, such as wholesome food, clothing, and shelter in a safe neighborhood (whether he lives with his children or not). As a father provides this stability, his children feel secure and have higher self-worth. They're better able to develop normally, including performing well in school, developing healthy relationships with peers, and achieving in their individual interests. A father is also responsible for providing emotional, social, and spiritual protection and support for his family. Children need affection from their fathers, both physical and verbal. They need reassurance, kind and loving discipline, and spiritual leadership.

Not only children benefit when a father is involved. Their father, too, benefits. As his children look to him as an example of how to express feelings and emotions, he learns about empathy, sensitivity to emotions, and how to express his own emotions. Many men feel there are barriers that keep them from being involved. They might feel inadequate as a provider or unprepared for the emotional demands of fatherhood. Some have false beliefs about the role of fathers, such as the idea that moms should provide all the nurturing and dads should simply provide materially.

All the above expressions of the father role come from Jeremy Boyle, Research Assistant to the professors in the School of Family Life, Brigham Young University.

The question we need to ask is: "With our economic situation the way it is in our community of Elk Point, how can we help fathers to become more involved in their families?"

Since it is now summer time, and hopefully fathers will be able to spend time with their families during their vacation time – here are a couple of suggestions. 1. Spend time listening and talking about your child's day. 2. Choose an interest you and your child share and plan activities around that interest. 3. Include your child as you plan vacations and trips so you go to places and do things that interest him or her. and 4. Work together mowing the lawn, trimming the edges, weeding, planting, fixing the car, fixing a bike, building a model airplane, organizing the garage, etc.

All these ideas are simple and only suggestions. But remember, fathers, you really do know what is best and don't forget to take time to be a part of your families when you are at home.

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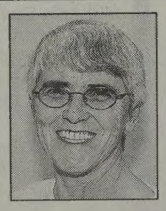
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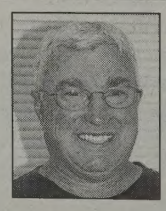
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Corbin Poitras named Elk Point's Canada Day Idol

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The Canada Day Idol competition proved to be an extremely successful addition to Elk Point's Canada Day lineup, with the Elks Hall packed to the rafters as 21 talented young vocalists and vocal groups vied for the title of Canada Day Idol.

Participants came from Ardmore, Bonnyville, Cherry Grove, Clandonald, Myrnam, St. Paul and Vilna as well as the local area to display their talent for judges Ben Poulin of CHLW Radio, Don Conrad of Elk Point Community Choir and Orion Rutley from the Wetlander Bar and Grill. Jena Bassett from 99.7 the Goat was mistress of ceremonies for the evening.

Girls Rock, a duo made up of Kayla Goertzen and Shelby Berg, and Triple Play, consisting of Kelly Sam, Brooke Gormley and Madison McGee, vied with soloists Aerin Finn and Hannah Ludlage of Elk Point, Allison Ference and Madison McGrath of Bonnyville, Cassidy Zahar of Vilna and Sydney Warchola and Shaina Gill of St. Paul in the 12 and Under category, with the medal sponsored by Woody's Trophy and Gift going to Cassidy Zahar, who sang "Annie's Song."

The nine entries of the 12 and Under group also were in competition with 12 entries in the 13 and Older category, made up of 2007 Kalyna Idol winner Brooke Yaremchuk and Cassady Jo Pederson of Myrnam, Renee Malo of Cherry Grove, Brittni Gill and Amanda Frisby of St. Paul, Danielle Smith of Vilna, Curtis Brodbin of Clandonald, Randlelle Spanier of Bonnyville, the Ardmore duo of Andrew Goertzen and James Hancock, and local vocalists Mason Smith, Corbin Poitras and Brianne Greening.

Singer and songwriter Corbin Poitras, with an original number entitled, "Black Dress," won the title of Canada Day Idol, along with half of the contest entry fees, a demo portfolio including recording studio time at Panich Music, a photo sitting at Gilbert Photography, a CD label and jewel case with liner plus 20 copies of his music on CD from Vision Recording Company, and letterheads, business cards and presentation folios from WeeWrite Consulting.

Second place and 30 per cent of the entry fees went to Cassady Jo Pederson, who sang "Picture of a Broken Heart" and third, and 20 per cent of the entry fees, to Amanda Frisby, with an original number entitled "Goodbye."

Vicki Brooker photo

MIstress of ceremonies Jena Bassett (right) and stage show headliner Travis Pankiw (centre) congratulate Canada Day Idol Corbin Poitras and runners-up Cassady Jo Pederson of Myrnam and Amanda Frisby of St. Paul on their wins.

This mysterious Big Bopper- sound-alike showed up to open the evening with "Chantilly Lace"

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Graham - NE 21-55-13-W4 hay; approx. 65 acres east side

Plains Lake - Innisfree:
Zaplachinski - S1/2 28-52-11-W4; grazing, 100 acres 30 cow/calves, 30 days
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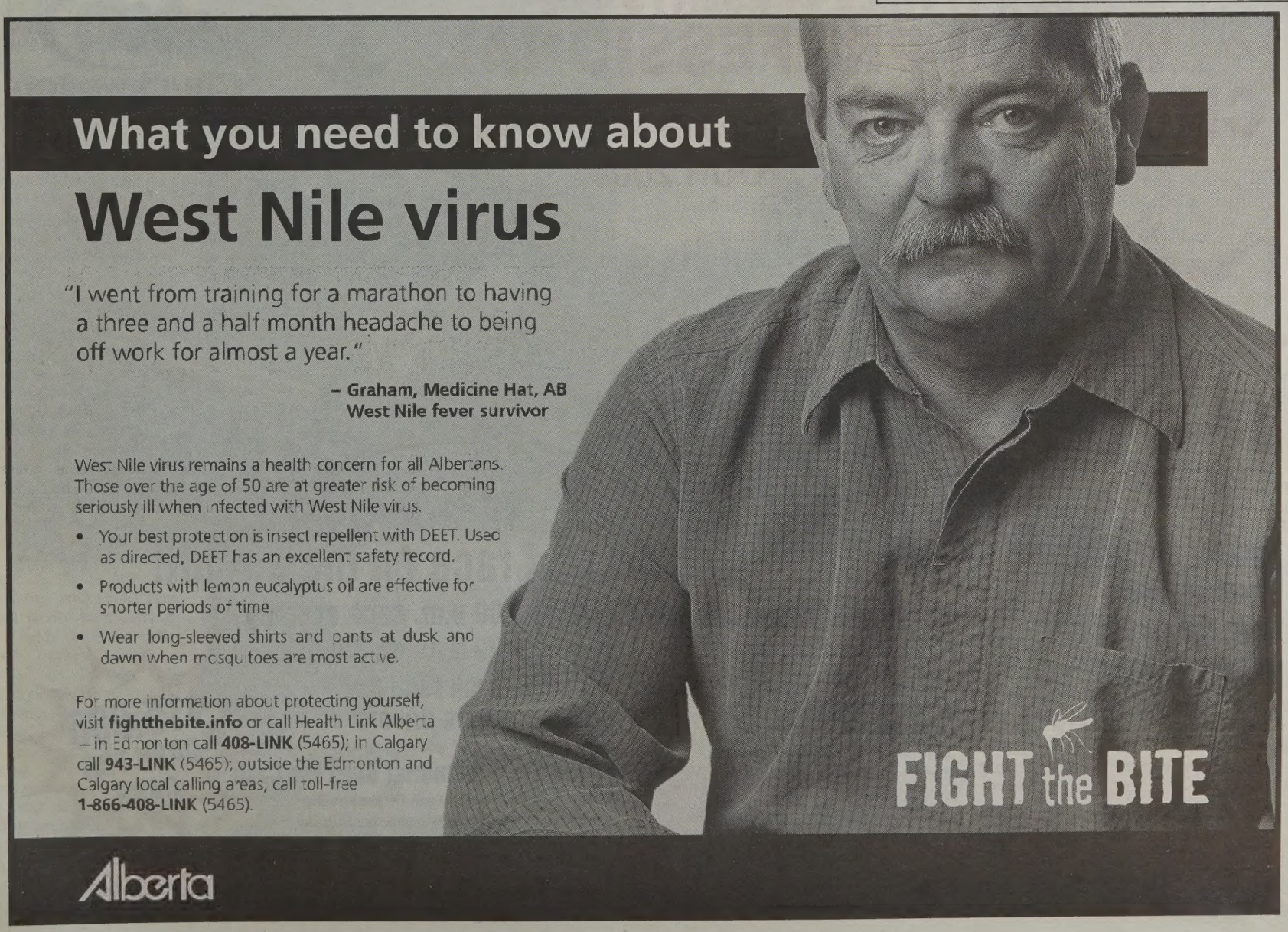

Stars of the Canada Day stage show

Four graceful Filipino ladies from a St. Paul-based dance group performed a traditional number with their fans.

Bob and Emily Thompson gave their final Canada Day performance in Elk Point, singing some old-time country favourites.

Vicki Brooker photos

Heather Paquette narrates as Heritage Lodge Bad Actors (seated left to right) Helga Vaughan, Winnie Shepherd and Lenore Bjornstad repeatedly switch hats to portray the many folks who play a part an ordinary day in their lives at the lodge.

Métis dancer Corbin Poitras leads a flock of youngsters in the Chicken Reel as his dad, Homer, provides lively fiddle music that set every toe tapping.

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Canada Day winners

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Over 50 entries followed scarlet-coated RCMP and the Lakeland Pipe Band through Elk Point streets,in the Canada Day Parade, led by a bevy of youngsters on ornately decorated bicycles. Payton Vogel, in first place, Ty Smereka in second and Shayla Cameron, in third, sported prize ribbons in addition to the decorations and flags on their bikes.

This year's theme was "Celebrate Canada," and the Elk Point Parent and Tot Playgroup placed first in the Theme category, with the Empress Restaurant second and the Town of Elk Point third. Winners of the other categories were:

Children's Clubs and Organizations: 1. Elk Point Parent and Tot Playgroup; 2. youngsters on a float pulled by a vintage tractor; 3. Elk Point 4-H Multi Club.

Adult Clubs and Organizations: 1. Heritage Lodge; 2. Strength Challenge; 3. Town of Elk Point.

Individual Freestyle: 1. Heritage Lodge; 2. Servus Credit Union, 3: Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary.

Horses and Riders: 1. The Village of Dewberry chuckwagon: 2. Stoney Lake Stampede; 3. Otto Siemers.

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Curb appeal

Curb appeal was one of the top criteria in the 2008 Yard Decorating Contest, and Peter Andrishak's flourishing flower border and velvety lawn, with just a few touches of yard art, was judged the most appealing of all for first prize.

Doris Capjack's red-and-white flowers, with added touches such as bright red chairs, provincial flags and a hockey player figure, gave her well-tended yard a cohesive theme that qualified her for second prize.

Patsy Zarowny accepted third prize for her yard, where among flowering and foliage plants were such unique touches as Canada geese, a lighthouse, an ornate wagon and a Canada Day birthday cake with a small, ball-capped fugue about to taste the icing.

Four other entrants also expressed their own individuality with everything from moose horn carvings to a teddy bears' tea party, from hockey sticks, a teepee and Stompin' Tom Connors music to a yard bursting with bloom in containers, beds and borders.

The judges also report seeing a number of very attractive yards whose owners had unfortunately not called in to enter, and they hope these people will enter next year's contest.

Watch for parade and yard pictures next week.

Vicki Brooker photos

Royal Canadian Legion and RCMP members stand at attention as Girl Guide Madison MacDonald raises the Canada flag under the watchful eye of Deanna Easthope.

A pint-sized rocker moved with the beat as headliner Travis Pankiw entertained the Canada Day crowd.

Lane and Milton Lorenson look through some of the 42 albums of research on early schools in the area researched and collected by Ray Hellquist (centre)

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Landscaping business opens

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Landscaper Ray Wilkie celebrated both his birthday and Canada's with a July 1 grand opening at Ray's Landscaping , the newest addition to Elk Point's industrial park.

Wilkie, who has 13 years of landscaping experience in Edmonton, moved to Elk Point in December with his girlfriend, paramedic Lisa Love, and decided to open a business which would offer full landscaping service, from design and installation to maintenance and pruning, as well as a retail outlet offering "anything for your yard," including retaining walls, paving stone, fire pits, bird baths, fountains, statuary, flagstone and decorative rock. Landscaping business opens

Wilkie said that he, Love and their staff, two labourers and office manager Tracy Gibbard, spent many hours to get the new outlet in shape in time for the grand opening, which was attracted between 150 and 200 people. Wilkie said he was "quite surprised " by the turnout, as well as with placing second in the Business category of the parade.

A Message of Thanks

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to ALL who helped us in our time of need and sorrow, in the loss of our son Allen Ray Horiachka.

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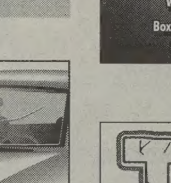

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From V, L, J & D

Grade 12 Awards presented

The Class of 2008 received their year-end awards, including merit pins, scholarships, plaques and medals, during the Farewell ceremonies. Recipients, in alphabetical order, were:

Melissa Frisby – Merit pin, French 30

Kass Haines – Merit pin, Social Studies 33

Zoey Kinjerski – Top Grade 12 Athlete

Nicole Labrie – Merit pins: French 30, English 30 –1, Social Studies 30; Ila and Max Borowski Scholarship

Erin Lindquist – Valedictorian; Merit pins: French 30, English 30-1, Math 31, Pure Math 30, Social Studies 30; Top Marks in French 30 (89%), English 30-1 (88%), Pure Math 30 (91%), Math 31 (90%), Social Studies 30 (93%_; Joy of Learning scholarship, SPERD #1 Highest Marks in Grade 12; Governor General's Academic Medal; Kudu Physics/ Biology/Chemistry Scholarship; County of St. Paul School Scholarship; Apple Drugs Science Award

Natalie Maas – Merit pins: Math 30 A, Social Studies 33

Allan MacDonald – Merit pin: Social Studies 33; Top Mark: Social Studies 33 (89%), Kudu Physics/Biology/ Chemistry Scholarship

Marvin Ockerman – Merit pin – Math 30A

Tyson Proskiw – Merit pins: Social Studies 33, Math 31; F. G. Miller Top Athlete; Athlete of the Year; Grade 12 Sportsman; Grade 12 Athlete, Timmy Quinney Athletic Scholarship; Steve Kuziw Sports Award, Dr. K. C. Miller Best All-Around Student; Buffalo Resources Corp. Scholarship

Colin Routhier – Merit pins: English 30-2, Social Studies 33

Bryant Schnurer - Merit pin: Social Studies 33

Kelsey Slywka - Merit pin: Social Studies 33

Sabrina Stewart – Merit pin: Phys Ed 30; Top Mark – Phys Ed. 30 (94%)

Terri White – Merit pins – French 30, English 30-1, Pure Math 30, Math 31, Social Studies 33; F. G. Miller Citizenship Award, Great Kid Award, Bespalko/Sribney Scholarship; Elk Point Elks Elmer Bjornstad Scholarship, Premier's Citizenship Award, John Braga Epitomic Award

Justyne Wozniak – Merit pin: French 30; Top Mark – French 30 (89%)

Derek Wruth – Merit pins: English 30-2, Math 30A, Social Studies 33; Top Marks – English 30-2 (83%) (Dr. K. C. Miller Top English 30-2 Mark award), Math 30A (84%)

Bailey Younghans – Merit pin: English 30-1; F. G. Miller Top Sportswoman, Grade 12 Sportswoman, Elk Point Lions Club Scholarship

Adam Zapesocki – Merit pins: Pure Math 30, Math 31; Top Mark – Math 31 (90%), F. G. Miller Top Sportsman.

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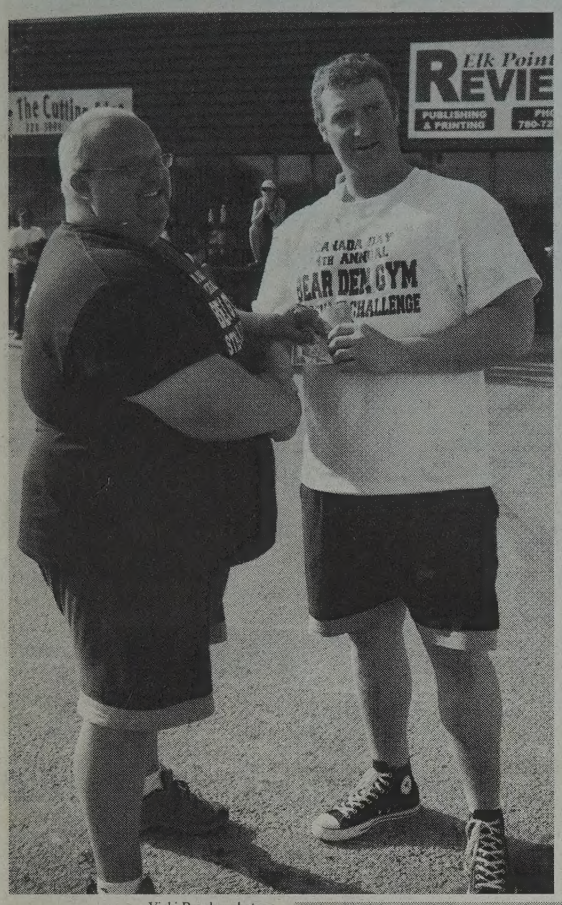

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Strength competition organizer Roger Smith presents the $1,000 first prize to Jeff Mahar. The prize was donated by SR Rentals.

Roger Smith and Tim Havener offer some encouragement to Aaron Shaumleffel as he competes in the Conan's Wheel event, the newest addition to the Strength Competition lineup.

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Ten burly contenders in bright yellow shirts that asked the question, "Do you think you're strong enough?" vied for the largest prize pool ever in the fourth annual Bear Den Gym Strength Challenge, coordinated by Roger Smith, as a standing-room-only crowd cheered on their favourites.

The afternoon's first two events were repeats from previous years. Jeff Mahar started out with a win in the Quad Pull, with 2007 overall champion Brad McRury second and Curtis Poulin third. Mahar also won the Side Hold, with Mike Leathem second and Poulin again placing third.

Poulin came from behind to win the new event in the lineup, Conan's Wheel, where participants carried the end of a long pole swiveling on a central post, and with a tractor tire suspended from the pole. Mahar was second in this event and McRury third. In the Log Lift, Bernie Genereux was the only one of the ten to lift the 210-pound steel log above his head, and he did it not once but five times for good measure.

This year's course length was doubled for the final event, the Medley, which features a tractor tire being flipped over and over from end to end of the course, followed by a duck walk with a very heavy weight, and then pulling that weight toward the finish line on a sled. The extra length proved a tremendous challenge to all, with Genereux, hands raw from the supreme effort, taking the win, with Poulin second and Mahar third.

When the points from all five events were added up, Mahar was declared 2008 champion, for the $1,000 first prize donated by SR Rentals, while Poulin accepted the $500 second prize and Genereux placing third for $250.

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Melvin and Kay Easthope accept the rubber boot trophy from Chris and Darcy Rosychuk of CD Petroleum.

Survival of the fastest

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The challenges of rural life are many, but they were pure fun for the ten teams taking part in this year's Farm Survival Challenge,

A huge crowd filled the bleachers and lined the street side of the course as one team member in a wagon directed his or her welding-masked tractor driver through a slalom course of oil jugs. Then the pair had to fasten three corral panels together, coordinate a walk on two-person skis, get each other over a tarp-wrapped round bale. Then came the new event of the year: slipping a stretchy-sided diaper onto a wiggling piglet, which may have been more sanitary than kissing the critter, but not any easier. Then came the water balloon toss, and finally, the balancing of a container of water on each partner's head as they walked carefully to the finish line.

Melvin and Kay Easthope were repeat winners, finishing the course in 2:14.38. Two young ladies from Bonnyville, Avery and Lisa Murphy, came in second with 2:27/23, Kris and Laura Reid of St. Paul a close third with 2:39.34. Fred Lambright and daughter Joy won a special prize for their enthusiasm.

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Grads Sabrina Stewart, Bailey Younghans and Zoey Kinjerski presented grad advisor Cheri Lindquist with a huge bouquet of flowers after expressing their thanks to their teachers, parents and community.

Derrick and Shirley Quinney presented the first annual Timmy Quinney Scholarship to Tyson Proskiw in memory of their son, who was a member of the class.

Natalie Maas and Adam Zapesocki handed over the Crusader sword to Class of 2009 representatives Jeremy Smereka and Katja Brand.

Amy Ockerman was MC for her former classmates.

Erin Lindquist gave the valedictory address.

F. G. Miller High School's Class of 2008 who gathered for their Farewell Ceremonies on Friday, June 27, were, in alphabetical order: Sonny Benson, Jerin Bezpalko, Collin Breen, Jonathan Durocher, Melissa Frisby, Kass Haines, Adam Hymanyk, Ian Jurak, Zoey-Lynn Kinjerski, Nicole Labrie, Erin Lindquist, Natalie Maas, Allan MacDonald, Randy Merkel, Ryan Mudryk, Marvin Ockerman, Tyson Proskiw, Colin Routhier, Bryant Schnurer, Kelsey Slywka, Sabrina Stewart, Terri White, Justyne Wozniak, Derek Wruth, Bailey Younghans and Adam Zapesocki. The Class of 2008 also included Jeff Classen, Taylor Legault, Yonas Rohner, Michael Wandler and the late Timmy Quinney.

Path yet to be discovered

(Continued from FRont Page)

SPERD Superintendent Doug Yeo likened graduation to a birthday party, with "everybody all dressed up and lots of goodies on the party table. It's up to you what to take."

Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk asked the graduands to "be proud of where you come from. People will ask you where you're from, and be proud of your colours as you tell them you're from F. G. Miller. These are the roots that will nourish you. " He called theirs "a generation ready to face the world that is progressing at an unprecedented rate. You have embraced it, and adapted to it, and every time, you were successful. Keep moving forward, embark on a path you can walk on with pride."

Billy Quinney, on behalf of the Quinney family, said his 17-year-old brother Timmy, " was taken by God on Oct. 13 and left a special place in your hearts." Quinney congratulated the class on their achievement, and said his family was honoured to be invited to the ceremonies. The Frog Lake Chief passed on the news that Devon Canada has announced the establishment of the Timmy Quinney Scholarship Fund, with $5,000 scholarships to be presented for each of the next five years.

Quinney was presented with his brother's school memorabilia.

Terri White and Kass Haines gave the class history, as each student came up to accept their memorabilia and awards. *(See AWARDS, Page 11)*

Murray Cochrane was on hand to present the Buffalo Resources Corporation scholarship to Tyson Proskiw.

Proskiw also received the Timmy Quinney Athletic Scholarship , presented by Derrick and Shirley Quinney in memory of their son. Derrick Quinney, who said hi has "been blessed with two communities, Frog Lake and Elk Point," said he "never realized how kind people are here," until his son's fatal accident ."I would like to thank you for the care you have shown."

To his late son's classmates, he said, "I think Timmy would be very proud of you. I am very proud of you, and I came to pass on a legacy ."

As a slide show gave the audience many chuckles and a tear or two, the Class of 2008, went out to the school's front steps to toss their mortarboards high in the air before returning to the stage to hear the class message.

Bailey Younghans talked of the value of their teachers, and lessons learned in and out of class. Zoey Kinjerski added thanks to the community for their guidance, and Sabrina Stewart added thanks to the parents for their love, support and guidance, noting, "you taught us the most important goals and our part in reaching them. You were incredible role models and have given us self-confidence. You have shown us a world full of love and wonder."

Grad advisor Cheri Lindquist came forward to accept a gift from the three young ladies, and added her farewell message to the class.

"Being a teacher is the best profession to be in. I get to see first hand how knowledge is put to use. I t is very satisfying to see them work together." She noted that this is the first class to have had 15 of its members graduate in the first semester, the first to lose a classmate in their Grade 12 year, "and the first to decorate the gym in one very long day."

Grads Natalie Maas and Adam Zapesocki passed the Crusader sword to Grade 11 students Katja Brand and Jeremy Smereka, who will in turn relinquish it at next year's farewell.

The Class of 2008 then filed off the stage to receive congratulations from their proud families, later returning to the gym for the grand march and dances with escorts and parents.

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